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# Holy Sword

FLASH

CLINK キン

Hah!

カカカ!!

THUD CLANG

Hyah!

CLING カキン!

WHY CAN'T I BREAK MY ENEMY'S WEAPON?!

CLANG キィン!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

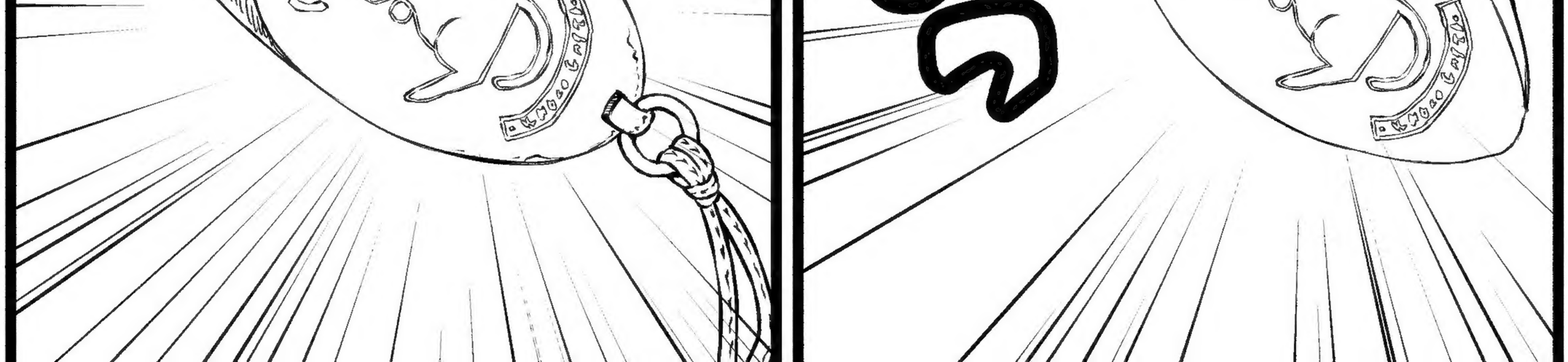
THUD ガシィ!!

I'M THE ONE HOLDING THE STRONGEST BLADE!

GRIT ギリ…

CLENCH ギリ…

"WHO FORGED YOUR BLADE?"



THAT STUBBORN BLACK-SMITH...

Tch.

...

Haaah

THAT GEEZER...

...I SEE THAT WE'RE OF EQUAL SKILL.

IF OUR SWORDS ARE ALSO EQUAL, THEN THIS MATCH WILL NEVER END.

NOW THAT WE'VE CROSSED BLADES...

YES, LET'S. I'LL TELL *HIM* ABOUT IT. IS THAT FAIR?

HMPH. TO THINK THAT WE'D BOTH STOP JUST TO AVOID HIS IRE...

HMM... I SUPPOSE FIGHTING IS POINTLESS.

VERY WELL. SHALL WE SWEAR A TEMPORARY TRUCE DURING MY REIGN?

INDEED.

STEP

FARE-
WELL.

DID HE PREDICT THIS OUTCOME? WHAT A CONNIVING OLD MAN.

THAT DAMNED BLACK-SMITH!

CLATTER

PHEW.

CLANG

WELL...

SURE.

CAN YOU CHECK THIS LATER, BOSS?

EIZO, WE'RE DONE HERE!

WHY DON'T WE GET SOME LUNCH?

MAEOV
CHAPTER 1

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I FIRST ARRIVED IN THIS WORLD.

I DIED THAT DAY.

I LIKE CATS. THAT'S THE ONLY REASON
I JUMPED IN FRONT OF THAT TRUCK.

HEY THERE! YOU AWAKE?

I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU STRAIGHT. YOU DIED IN YOUR WORLD.

WHO ARE YOU?

YOUR SOUL'S STILL IN ONE PIECE. GOOD.

AH, I SEE.

TRUTH BE TOLD, YOUR SOUL HAS BEEN MARKED FOR DEALLOCATION.

I'M DEAD.

WHY AM I SO CALM?

DO YOU REMEMBER SAVING A STRAY CAT BEFORE YOU DIED?

YEAH.

BUT I STOPPED THAT PROCESS.

ALL PARTS OF YOU WOULD'VE BEEN RECYCLED AND USED AS RESOURCES.

?

I'VE ALSO DULLED YOUR SENSES SO YOUR SOUL WON'T SHATTER FROM SHOCK.

THAT CAT WAS ME.

I'M A *WATCHDOG.*

I PATROL NUMEROUS PARALLEL UNIVERSES...

...AND ENSURE THERE AREN'T ANY CROSS-WORLD EVENTS.

...AND
I MESSED UP.
I WOULD'VE DIED
IF YOU HADN'T
SAVED ME...

I WAS ON
DUTY AS A
CAT IN YOUR
WORLD...

MY
TEMPORARY
BODY
WOULD'VE
DIED, YES.

YOU
SEEM PRETTY
IMPORTANT.
WOULD A TRUCK
HAVE ACTUALLY
KILLED YOU?

AH...

*YOU* WEREN'T
SUPPOSED TO DIE,
THOUGH. THUS,
A HOLE HAS BEEN
OPENED IN THIS
WORLD.

BUT
BECAUSE IT
WAS TEMPORARY,
MY DEATH WOULDN'T
HAVE IMPACTED
THE WORLD.

I DON'T GET IT. WHY THE ROUNDABOUT METHOD?

CAN'T YOU JUST MAKE IT SO THAT THE ACCIDENT NEVER HAPPENED?

?

TO FILL THAT, WE'LL REPLACE YOU WITH ANOTHER EXISTENCE.

BUT THE PROBLEM IS THAT I *SAW* IT HAPPEN.

...

THAT'D BE THE EASIEST WAY...

THEN I GUESS WE'RE OUT OF OPTIONS.

I'M SORRY, BUT YOUR DEATH CAN'T BE REVERSED.

Record

EVERYTHING I SEE IS REPORTED AND RECORDED.

Report

...I CAN SWAP YOUR EXISTENCES.

BY SWITCH-ING YOUR WORLD WITH THEIRS...

NOT QUITE! IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT A SIMILAR CASE OCCURRED IN ANOTHER WORLD.

YOU CATCH ON QUICK!

SO... I'LL BE LIVING AS A DIFFERENT PERSON?

WELL, I CAN'T REST EASY KNOWING YOU DIED BECAUSE OF MY MISTAKE.

CAN I ASK YOU ONE THING? WHY KEEP ME ALIVE?

...

FOR NOW, JUST KNOW THAT WE WATCHDOGS HAVE OUR REASONS.

...I CAN SEND YOU TO THE OTHER WORLD WITH ***CHEATS.***

IN EXCHANGE, AS A TOKEN OF APOLOGY AND GOODWILL...

I SEE...

CHEATS?

I'LL ALSO PROVIDE YOU WITH INSTALLED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND A HOME TO LIVE IN.

A NEW LIFE, HUH...

I HAD NO FAMILY, AND I LIVED ALL ALONE.

I WAS A PRO-GRAMMER. A COR-PORATE DRONE.

BEFORE I KNEW IT, I'D BECOME AN OLD MAN WITH GRAY HAIR.

ONLY MY BOSS WILL BE TROUBLED BY MY ABSENCE.

AND I'M SURE THEY'LL FIND A REPLACE-MENT SOON.

WHAT KIND OF LIFE DO YOU WANT TO LEAD?

IF I'VE GOT A CHANCE AT A SECOND LIFE...

BUT I DON'T WANT TO DISAPPEAR EITHER.

IT'S NOT AS THOUGH I HAVE ANY LINGERING REGRETS.

YOU CAN.

I LIKE MAKING STUFF. I WISH I COULD MAKE A LIVING DOING THAT.

Hmm...

IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE TO LIVE LEISURELY WITH A CAT BY MY SIDE.

AND, WELL, MY BODY MOVED ON ITS OWN WHEN I SAW YOU IN DANGER. I LIKE CATS ENOUGH TO RISK MY LIFE FOR THEM.

OKAY! WELL, THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS ONE CAN MAKE. DO YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC WISH?

I ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY SWORD-SMITHING.

NEVER GOT THE CHANCE, THOUGH.

I'LL GIVE YOU LANGUAGE, CRAFTING, AND FIGHTING SKILLS. YOU CAN EVEN HAVE A BIT OF MAGIC.

ピカ GLOW

THEN I'LL PRIORITIZE GIVING YOU EXPERIENCE AND ABILITIES AS A BLACKSMITH.

ピコ POMF

ALL RIGHT!

ピコ POMF

OF

10 GLOW UP

!

?

THANK YOU.

UGH...

TWEET

TWEET
CHIRP

ER-
GH!

AGH!

OW...

THROB

THROB

MY
HEAD'S
GONNA...

GAH!

THROB

THROB

?!

...

BOOM
SCREEEEEEE
OH...
NOW I GET IT.
IT'S FLOODING INTO MY HEAD, BODY, AND FINGERTIPS.
FSHHHH
BA-DUMP
WHAT IS—? AHHHHH... SO MUCH NEW INFORMATION...
BA-DUMP
HUFF...
HUFF...
THE LIFE I HAD BEFORE... IS OVER.

UGH... IS IT FINALLY OVER?

FWIP

CLENCH

HUP.

THIS FEELS WEIRD.

MY BRAIN'S BEEN FILLED WITH BRAND-NEW KNOWL-EDGE AND EXPERIENCES.

IT'S LIKE I'VE HAD A NEW PROGRAM INSTALLED IN MY HEAD.

キィ CREAK

カラン CLANG

カラン CLANG

Oh?

SHE DID SAY THAT A HOME WOULD BE PREPARED...

I can eat this dried meat, right?

WITH THESE SUPPLIES, I'LL BE ABLE TO LAST A GOOD WHILE.

A DINING ROOM, BEDROOM, FOOD, AND TOOLS.

SEEMS LIKE I'VE GOT EVERYTHING I NEED TO SURVIVE.

ARE THERE ROOMS DEEPER INSIDE?

There's water in this jar...

NO PLUMBING OR ELECTRICITY. I DON'T SEE A WELL, SO I'LL NEED A WATER SOURCE.

KLINK
カラン

Another clapper.

THIS'LL BE MY WORK-SHOP.

I'VE GOT THE TOOLS AND MATERIALS.

キュアア
SCREEEE

I JUST KNOW IT.

THIS IS GREAT.

MY HANDS KNOW...

...HOW TO USE THESE TOOLS TO MAKE THINGS.

FITS SNUG IN MY HAND.

ARE THESE MY CHEATS?

SPEAKING OF...

IS IT... NOON? THE SUN'S HIGH IN THE SKY.

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

I'LL GO EXPLORE AFTER I EAT. I STILL NEED TO FIND A WATER SOURCE.

GROWL

YOU CAN EVEN HAVE A BIT OF MAGIC.

GULP

Skill he acquired while living alone: lazy meal prep.

I just sliced 'em all up, and put 'em in a pot. Seasoned only with salt.

NOW FOR SOME FIRE...

Dried meat?

THUNK THUNK THUNK

THUNK

Veggies?

Grains?

STUFF HE FOUND IN THE KITCHEN

FWOOSH

FWOOM

OOOH! FIRE!

And so...

BUBBLE BUBBLE

Uh, it doesn't taste particularly good or bad.

Oooh...

FWOOM

FWOOM

FWOOM

I can use magic.

IT'S WEAK, I CAN'T USE IT FOR LONG, AND IT WON'T GET MUCH HOTTER, BUT THIS'LL BE USEFUL.

SNUG

All right.

My hair's in the way.

I'll just bring some stuff along.

HOPE I CAN FIND WATER NEARBY.

DASH
DAAA

I'll mark this tree...

Is this a wild apple? Sour!

IS THERE A TOWN NEARBY?

WHAT KIND OF FOREST IS THIS? HOW BIG IS IT?

I WASN'T GIVEN THAT SORT OF KNOWLEDGE AT ALL.

SQUEAK

A GREEN SQUIRREL? I REALLY AM IN A DIFFERENT WORLD.

I have so much respect for farmers now...

I KNOW NOTHING EXCEPT FOR WHAT MY CHEATS TELL ME.

HUH?

I'll take some with me.

I GUESS THAT INFO'S NECESSARY FOR SURVIVAL.

FEELS WEIRD KNOWING WHEN I SHOULDN'T.

PLUCK

RUSTLE

ARE THOSE MEDICINAL HERBS?

MY MIND AND BODY ARE GETTING USED TO THIS WORLD.

PLUCK

PLUCK

THIS LAKE'S ABOUT A 15-MINUTE WALK FROM THE CABIN.

IT'LL BE GOOD DAILY EXERCISE.

Nice, a spring.

My body feels lighter too.

HUH... I LOOK A BIT YOUNGER, AS REQUESTED.

I'D SAY I'M ABOUT 30 OR SO.

FISH...

I CAN CATCH SOME OF THOSE TOO.

HUH?

DID SOME-THING FALL OVER?

RUSTLE

I HOPE IT'S NOT A BEAR OR ANYTHING...

HUFF

HUFF

!!!

Blood...

SQUELCH

FWIP

HEY, YOU OKAY?!

A PERSON... NO, A TIGER? IS SHE A BEASTFOLK?

ROLL

TWITCH

I GOTTA CARRY HER BACK QUICKLY. THIS IS BAD.

FWISH

SHE'S LIGHTER THAN I THOUGHT.

I KNOW THIS FEELS AWFUL, BUT TRY TO STAY WITH ME.

UGH...

BOUNCE!!

...AND BOIL WATER TO DISINFECT THE NEEDLE.

I'LL USE THE CLOTH AS A BANDAGE...

RIP!!!

FOUND IT. A SEWING KIT.

I NEED ALL THE CLOTH I CAN SCROUNGE UP...

CLACK

Huff

Huff

RIP

I NEED TO SEE YOUR WOUND.

FORGIVE ME.

THE GASH ON HER STOMACH'S DEEP.

Here I go.

I'LL STITCH HER WOUND WITH THE NEEDLE AND THREAD.

Hot!

SPLASH

MAKES SUFFERING THROUGH THAT INSTALL HEADACHE WORTH IT.

I KNOW WHAT AND HOW I SHOULD DO THIS TOO. GOTTA THANK MY CHEATS.

SORRY. I'LL FINISH UP QUICKLY.

GAH...

TWITCH

UGH...

GULP

IF IT LEAVES A SCAR, I CAN ONLY APOLOGIZE...

GLOOM

SHE'S CALMED DOWN.

I MANAGED TO CLOSE HER WOUND, BUT I'M AN AMATEUR.

TWITCH

BUT I STERILIZED AND COOLED THE INJURY.

THE HERBS I COLLECTED BEFORE SURE CAME IN HANDY.

THIS IS WHERE I'LL BE LIVING.

PHEW.

I'M BEAT.

I NEED TO MAKE PREPARA-TIONS FOR MY NEW ROLE AS A BLACKSMITH.

I'VE GOT QUITE A BIT TO DO.

BUT THIS IS MY SECOND LIFE. I WON'T WORK TO THE BONE. I'LL TAKE IT EASY.

DROWSY

MAYBE I'LL TRY FORGING TOMORROW.

I CAN CHECK UP ON HER EVERY NOW AND THEN.

DROWSY

NO... IF I FALL ASLEEP NOW...

CHIIIRP

TWEET

CHIRP

CHIRP

HEY.

HMM?

AND THIS...

...WAS HOW MY SECOND LIFE BEGAN.

MEOW

CHAPTER 2

THERE'S NOT MUCH STRENGTH IN HER GRIP.

SHE'S NOT TRYING TO KILL ME.

...

HOW'S YOUR WOUND?

FOR NOW, I'LL JUST SAY...

...

?!

whew.

YEAH? THAT'S GOOD.

STILL HURTS...

...BUT IT'LL HEAL.

DID YOU... LOOK AT MY BODY?

YOU SURE?

YOU CAN TAKE MY HEAD IF I'M LYING.

I HAD TO SO I COULD CLOSE YOUR WOUND.

I SWEAR I DIDN'T TOUCH YOU ANYWHERE ELSE.

SNIFF

I'LL TRUST YOU FOR NOW.

CREAK

IT DIDN'T SMELL LIKE YOU WERE LYING.

THANKS.

RUSTLE

HUH...

THANK GOD I ACTUALLY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.

ONLY WHEN YOU'RE RATTLED.

YOU CAN *SMELL* THAT?

WEAR THAT FOR NOW.

ポスッ

TOSS

I SEE...

I HAD TO CUT OPEN YOUR CLOTHES TO STITCH YOU UP. THEY WERE FILTHY WITH BLOOD.

NO, THAT'S OKAY. THEY WERE JUST OLD RAGS.

SORRY. HOPE THEY WEREN'T IMPORTANT TO YOU.

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

You can look now.

WHAT DO YOU DO HERE?

IS THIS YOUR HOME?

YEP.

TRUTH BE TOLD, I'M A NEWBIE. I JUST GOT HERE YESTERDAY.

I'M A BLACK-SMITH.

*BETTER TO TELL HER THE TRUTH, SINCE SHE CAN SNIFF OUT LIES.*

IT WAS HERE WHEN I ARRIVED.

Not technically a lie.

WAS THERE ALWAYS A CABIN HERE?

THE BLACK FOREST.

WELL, I HARDLY EVER VISIT THE EASTERN PART OF THE BLACK FOREST.

I USUALLY STAY IN THE NORTHERN AND WESTERN REGIONS.

BUT WHEN I CAME TO THIS AREA, I RAN INTO A BIG BLACK BEAR.

THIS PLACE WAS IN MY INSTALLED KNOWL-EDGE.

SO MY CABIN'S IN THE EAST, HUH?

AND NOW, WELL, HERE I AM.

SOME-THING THAT DANGEROUS IS LURKING AROUND HERE?

...

IT DIDN'T KILL ME... PROBABLY BECAUSE IT SENSED YOU APPROACHING.

CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR YOUR WOUNDS TO HEAL?

*I GUESS IT WAS PURE DUMB LUCK THAT I DIDN'T GET ATTACKED YESTERDAY.*

WE BEASTFOLK ARE STURDIER THAN HUMANS.

STILL, I WON'T BE ABLE TO HUNT FOR TWO WEEKS.

...AND I'D LIKE SOME HELP WITH MY WORK.

I JUST GOT HERE...

HUH?!

THEN WHY DON'T YOU LIVE HERE?

YOU'LL HAVE FOOD AND A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD UNTIL YOU RECOVER.

I DON'T THINK IT'S A BAD DEAL.

...

OKAY.

Ears... and a tail...

...

ピコ Fwip

Hrmm...

Hrmm...

ピコ Fwip

3, SWISH

3, SWISH

TRUE...

THEN I'LL FIGURE OUT WHAT COMES NEXT. HOW'S THAT?

YOU DON'T SMELL WEIRD.

I'LL STAY HERE UNTIL I'M ALL BETTER.

FINE BY ME.

GREAT! GLAD TO BE HERE.

...

SAMYA.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

WISH I HAD ONE THAT SOUNDED TOUGHER.

IT'S TOO CUTE! I DON'T LIKE IT.

THAT'S A NICE NAME.

BAH HA HA HA! WHAT KINDA NAME IS THAT?!

Tough?

LIKE... GONZÁLEZ?

PFT!

SCRATCH SCRATCH

IT SUITS YOU.

YOUR FAMILY GAVE YOU THAT NAME, RIGHT?

Ow, my stomach!

GRRR...

くぬぬ...

あはははは

Ahahaha!

WHAT'S *YOUR* NAME?

ME?

OH, UM...

I'M EIZO TANYA.

THANKS.

EIZO TANYA WAS MY NAME IN MY PREVIOUS LIFE.

NORDIC... I GUESS IN THIS WORLD, ASIAN PEOPLE LIKE ME HAVE SETTLED IN THE NORTH.

Oops.

UH, SORRY.

SOUNDS NORDIC.

YOU'VE EVEN GOT A FAMILY NAME.

GUESS SO.

A MAN OF DECENT STATUS WITH A FAMILY NAME DECIDED TO MOVE AWAY...

...AND BECOME A BLACKSMITH IN THIS BACKWATER REGION.

THERE AREN'T A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH FAMILY NAMES AROUND HERE.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

...THAT I HAVE MY REASONS FOR COMING HERE.

HM. YOU'VE GOT IT ROUGH TOO.

WITH ANY LUCK, SHE THINKS...

SURE! WILL DO, EIZO!

I'D LIKE IT IF YOU JUST CALLED ME BY MY FIRST NAME.

THANKS, SAMYA.

CLATTER

OKAY.

SHUNK

SHUNK

THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH.

SINCE I HAVEN'T DONE THIS BEFORE, I'LL START BY MAKING A SMALL KNIFE.

ポポ!!..

FWOOOM

ホロホ..GLOW

FIRST, FIRE. THE FIREBED RESPONDS TO MY MAGIC.

FWOOM

Ooh...

A magical item!

ONCE IT'S LIT, IT'LL MAINTAIN THE TEMPERATURE UNTIL THE COAL RUNS OUT.

IF I DIRECT MY MAGIC INTO THE BELLOWS...

...IT'LL CONTINUE TO PUMP OUT WIND.

ゴォォ WHOOSH

WHOOSH

NEXT, WIND MAGIC.

SIZZLE

SIZZLE

ゴォォ オォォ

オォォ WOOSH

BUT IT'S NICE TO BE ABLE TO WORK ALONE.

LIKE MY FIRE, IT'S NOTHING TOO STRONG.

IRON CHANGES COLOR AT 800°C.

IT HAS TO BE EVEN HOTTER TO BECOME MALLEABLE.

ポタ DRIP

ポタ DRIP

WIPE

IT'S HOTTER THAN I EXPECTED.

FWOOM FWOOM...

This must be the iron...

カコン CLANK...

I'VE GOT THE KNOWL-EDGE...

...BUT THIS'LL BE MY FIRST TIME SMITHING.

THANKS TO MY CHEATS, I CAN TELL WHEN THE METAL'S AT THE RIGHT TEMPERATURE FOR MY HAMMER.

FWOOM FWOOM

ZSH

NOW!

CLATTER カリ

FWOOM ゴオオオ

I GET IT NOW.

...

CLANG!

THINKING BACK, THAT WAS KINDA WEIRD.

CLANG!

CLANG!

CLANG!

YOU NEED STRENGTH TO FORGE IRON.

CLANG!

CLEARLY, MY MUSCLE POWER HAS INCREASED.

I WAS ABLE TO CARRY SAMYA INSIDE YESTERDAY...

...AND I LUGGED AROUND THOSE LARGE JARS OF WATER.

I'M AROUND THIRTY NOW, SO THE WATCHDOG DID TAKE SOME YEARS OFF...

...BUT I WAS NEVER THIS ABSURDLY STRONG IN MY OLD LIFE.

FWOOOM

I'M ADDING THE FINISHING TOUCHES.

RIGHT, I FED SAMYA LUNCH AND SHE'S RESTING NOW.

TIME FOR MY AFTERNOON WORK.

FWOOSH

ZSH

...I'LL PUT IT BACK IN THE FIREBED TO REHEAT.

AFTER LETTING THE HAMMERED IRON COOL...

SIZZLE

THIS WILL STRENGTH-EN THE IRON.

FWOOM

SPLASH

FSHHH

THEN I'LL DUNK THE KNIFE IN WATER TO QUENCH IT.

...AND THEN SHARPEN IT WITH A WHETSTONE.

SPLISH

I'LL POLISH THE BLADE...

FWISH

FWISH

FWISH

FWISH

I'M USING MY INSTALLED KNOWLEDGE TO CHECK EVERY STEP OF THE PROCESS.

I'LL ETCH THIS ROUTINE INTO MY MUSCLE MEMORY.

THE SKILLS MY NEW BODY POSSESSES...

...WILL GUIDE AND HONE MY BLADE.

DONE.
I'll put a log under it.
ガッコ CLACK
I WANNA TRY CUTTING SOME-THING...
Found some straw.
バサッ FWAP
THIS IS MY FIRST PRODUCT.
Looks really clean.
ストン! THUNK!
SWIFF スル…
CLENCH

THIS THING CUTS A BIT TOO WELL.

I just sliced through the straw and the log!

FWISH

はの

WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED?!

?!

IS IT MY CHEATS?

EVEN THE KNIFE THAT CAME WITH THE CABIN ISN'T THIS SHARP.

THIS IS TOO DANGEROUS...

THIS KNIFE CUTS LIKE IT'S MAGIC OR SOMETHING. I NEVER INTENDED FOR IT TO BE SO EFFECTIVE.

PHEW.

Done.

I'll make a sheath later.

There. Added a handle.

I'LL USE IT AS MY SELF-DEFENSE BLADE.

The breeze feels nice.

I DON'T THINK I CAN SELL SOMETHING THIS SHARP TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

WELL...

I LET MY CHEATS DO THEIR THING, AND I MADE A KNIFE THAT CUTS TOO WELL.

I'LL CUT CORNERS ON THE NEXT KNIFE, AND SLACK OFF ON THE LAST ONE.

THE FIRST ONE, I'LL FORGE WITH EVERYTHING I'VE GOT.

I'LL TRY MAKING THREE KNIVES TOMORROW.

I CAN HAVE SAMYA TEST THEM OUT. ONCE I KNOW THEIR CAPABILITIES, I'LL THINK ABOUT WHAT TO DO NEXT.

FWISH

HEY, WAKE UP. DINNER'LL BE READY SOON.

モゾ…

RUSTLE

MMM...

SO

SO

CLACK カコ…

WELL, YOU'RE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

YOUR BODY'S TRYING TO CONSERVE ENERGY TO MAKE BLOOD AND STUFF.

C'mon, get up.

Crap.

Sorry. I'll be careful next time.

YAWN ふわあ

I'VE BEEN SLEEPING ALL DAY, AND I'M STILL SO TIRED.

ONLY SIMPLE SPELLS.

PEOPLE WITH FAMILY NAMES SURE ARE SOMETHING ELSE.

Wow!

GLOW

A MAGICAL LAMP! YOU CAN USE MAGIC?!

UGH...

...BUT IF YOU DON'T EAT, YOU WON'T GET BETTER.

SLEEP IS VITAL...

The other day, a large deer...

I'm usually out hunting.

The mountain peak has snow? Cool. Didn't know the Nordic region had tall mountains.

OUR MEALS HAVE CONSISTED OF VEGETABLES AND STEWED CHUNKS OF SALT-CURED MEAT.

WE HAVE ENOUGH SUPPLIES TO LAST A WHILE, BUT OUR FOOD WILL EVENTUALLY RUN OUT.

Huh? Nah, I'll sleep on the floor!

You can use the bed.

Just take it. Good night.

I NEED TO MAKE MONEY IN THIS WORLD...

...SO THAT I CAN BUY FOOD AND SEASONING, ALONG WITH COAL AND IRON FOR MY WORK.

THREE KNIVES OF DIFFERING QUALITY.

ALL RIGHT.

THE NEXT DAY

SAMYA, CAN I BORROW YOU FOR A SEC?

TRY THEM IN ORDER. START HERE, PLEASE.

I JUST WANT YOU TO TEST THESE OUT.

SURE, BUT I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT SMITHING.

ALL RIGHT, EASY AS PIE!

So pretty!

*FIRST OFF, THE LOWEST-QUALITY ONE.*

SLICE

SWIFF

M'KAY!

Happy

THIS IS AMAZING!

YOU'RE SKILLED, EIZO!

THANKS. TRY THE NEXT ONE.

Awesome...

HMM... NOT BAD, I GUESS.

HUH?!

SWIFF

THUNK

WELL, TRY THE LAST KNIFE.

It's amaz-ing!

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! THIS ONE'S SUPER SHARP!

I GAVE THIS ONE MY ALL.

Looks the same, though.

HERE GOES...

GULP

GULP

FWISH

SHUNK

HUH?

SWIFF

THUNK

SLICE

HUH?!

?!?!

WHAT...

FLUFF

O-
OKAY!

TRY PULLING THE KNIFE OUT.

...the log.

I just cut through...

FLUTTER

I FELT NOTHING!

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?! WHAT JUST *HAPPENED?!*

CALM DOWN.

IT'S DANGEROUS TO PANIC WITH THAT KNIFE IN YOUR HAND!

WHIRL

WHIRL

NOW I'M CERTAIN.

NAH, IT'S MY FAULT FOR NOT EXPLAINING.

A-AH, RIGHT.

SORRY.

MY SMITHING ABILITIES ARE DUE TO MY CHEATS.

MY BLACKSMITH SKILLS CAN PRODUCE TOP-TIER ITEMS.

Hrmm...

!

BUT... I CAN'T SELL THESE.

THE BUYER WOULD NEED TO BE HIGHLY SKILLED AT WIELDING KNIVES.

YOU WANT IT? IT'S YOURS.

It's a test product anyway.

IT'LL BE EASIER TO HUNT WITH A KNIFE THAT CUTS THIS WELL!

THEN SELL IT TO ME!

SWISH

ピコン! PERK

!!!

REALLY?!

BEAM はあっ

I'LL MAKE YOU A SHEATH, SO GIVE ME SOME TIME.

OKEY DOKE!

Ha ha. No worries.

FEELS LIKE I'M TAMING HER.

THANKS!

(WELL, I KNOW WHAT TO DO FROM HERE.

I'll sleep lots and get healed up in a jiffy!

WAG

WAG

I'LL MAKE KNIVES AND A FEW FARMING TOOLS.

THEN, I'LL SELL THEM AND MAKE SOME MONEY.

IF I HOLD BACK ON THE QUALITY, I CAN MAKE MORE KNIVES PER SESSION.

AND JUDGING FROM SAMYA'S REACTION, EVEN MY LOW-EFFORT PRODUCT SEEMS SHARP ENOUGH TO SELL.

I HEARD THERE'S A CITY OUTSIDE THE FOREST WHICH HOSTS A MARKET ON THE WEEKENDS.

THAT'S WHERE I'LL START MY BUSINESS!

RAWR

Tiger icon
Samya
Pink paw pads (squishy!)
Long tail
Makes arrows by hand
Looks mature but is actually X years old!
Heels don't touch the ground

ALL DONE.

Phew...

はぐ!!!

Shame I had no anesthe-sia...

Ow...

THANKS.

YOU OKAY?

RUB

ま...

...BUT IT WON'T AFFECT MY DAILY LIFE.

WELL, I CAN'T GO HUNTING YET...

MEOW

CHAPTER 3

カコ CLACK

DOES THAT MEAN YOU CAN COME WITH ME TO THE CITY TOMORROW?

FLAP FLAP

TWEET

CHIRP

I'VE BEEN IN THIS WORLD FOR A LITTLE OVER A WEEK NOW.

I MADE A FEW MORE KNIVES ALONG WITH SOME HOES, SICKLES, AND AXES TO TAKE TO THE MARKET.

SAMYA IS HEALING WELL, AND WE'VE BEEN EXPLORING TOGETHER.

SHE TAUGHT ME ALL ABOUT THE TERRAIN AND ECOLOGY AROUND THE CABIN.

CLACK

THESE ARE LOW-QUALITY PRODUCTS. ENTRY-LEVEL MODELS.

THEY CAN BE MADE QUICKLY AND EASILY.

CLACK

IT WAS FUN TO COMPARE MY INSTALLED KNOWLEDGE...

...WITH THIS NEW INFORMATION.

THEY CAN SMELL THAT YOU'RE STRONG, SO I THINK YOU'LL BE FINE.

THOUGH, I WAS SLIGHTLY WORRIED THAT WE'D RUN INTO DANGEROUS WOLVES OR BOARS.

THAT WAS WHAT SAMYA SAID.

カリ ROAR オー

TIGER

?

FEELS LIKE **YOU'RE** THE STRONG ONE HERE...

...BUT I'M PRETTY SURE I'M SKILLED ENOUGH TO SURVIVE IN THIS FOREST.

I STILL DON'T FULLY COMPREHEND THE LIMITS OF MY CHEATS...

WE WALKED THROUGH THE FOREST FOR TWO HOURS AND ALONG THE ROAD FOR AN HOUR.

THANKS TO SAMYA...

...WE DIDN'T RUN INTO ANY ANIMALS OR BANDITS.

THAT'S THE TOWN.

カリチャ… CLACK

WE'RE HEADED FOR THE OPEN MARKET IN THE NEW MARKET DISTRICT.

IT'S SET UP OUTSIDE OF THE CITY'S WALLS.

WE CAN APPARENTLY ENTER THE NEW MARKET DISTRICT WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT PAYING TOLLS.

THIS MARKET GREW OUT OF MERCHANTS SELLING THEIR WARES OUTSIDE THE WALLS.

A GUARD? ALL RIGHT, THEN.

DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?

YES, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

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KIND SMILE

PFT! ぎゅるるるる

やめ～

WAS A CORPORATE DRONE FOR 20 YEARS.
SPECIAL SKILL: BUSINESS SMILE

I'M A BLACK-SMITH.

CLACK ガヤ

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND. WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE TODAY?

CAN I CHECK INSIDE?

OF COURSE.

I CAME HERE TO SELL MY WARES AT THE OPEN MARKET.

OHO.

DON'T CAUSE ANY TROUBLE.

ALL RIGHT, YOU'RE GOOD TO GO.

I PAID SOME SILVER COINS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE OPEN MARKET...

...AND RECEIVED A WOODEN SIGN AND A TABLE PERMITTING ME TO SET UP SHOP.

SPOTS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

DARN, ALL THE BEST PLACES ARE TAKEN.

OH?

HOW ABOUT OVER THERE, EIZO?

THIS SPOT'S PRETTY GOOD!

YEP!

AAAND DONE.

I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU TODAY.

TWO HOURS LATER...

はぁ… SIGH...

I CAN'T SELL A SINGLE THING...

...

I WAS A PROGRAM-MER...

...SO I'M NOT USED TO SALES.

オロ WORRY

オロ WORRY

SMILE

I TRIED CALLING OUT TO PEOPLE AND OFFERING KNIFE DEMONSTRATIONS, BUT IT'S NOT GOING WELL.

HEYA! KNIVES SELLING WELL?

I-IT'S STILL ONLY NOON...

NOPE. HAVEN'T SOLD EVEN ONE. IT'S GOING SO TERRIBLY THAT IT'S ALMOST FUNNY.

THAT SO?

ALL THE BETTER FOR ME. I'D LIKE TO BUY A KNIFE.

IT'S THE GUARD FROM EARLIER...

HUH?

WHEN I LOOKED THROUGH YOUR WARES, I SAW THAT YOU HAD SOME FINE KNIVES.

MY CURRENT ONE'S NO GOOD, SO IT'S TIME FOR SOMETHING NEW.

I'M JUST GLAD YOU HAVE SOME LEFT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS.

HERE YOU ARE.

HOW MUCH?

FIVE SILVER COINS, PLEASE.

YEAH, THIS IS WELL-MADE.

YOU'RE WILLING TO SELL THEM *THAT* CHEAP?!

HERE YOU ARE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE.

I CONSULTED SAMYA ABOUT THE PRICE BEFOREHAND. I DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE THEM TOO EXPENSIVE AND SCARE OFF CUSTOMERS.

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER...

...I EARNED MONEY BY SELLING ITEMS I **MADE.**

IF IT CUTS WELL, I'LL TELL MY COLLEAGUES ABOUT YOU.

REALLY?! I CAN VOUCH FOR THE SHARPNESS!

YOU'RE *REALLY* HAPPY, AREN'T YOU?

GRIN

THERE'S NO DEMAND FOR FARMING TOOLS IN THE NEW MARKET DISTRICT.

Reflection Time

Sigh

...AAAND ZIP. NOTHING.

IT'S BEEN THREE HOURS...

TAP TAP TAP

DING DING DING

SWISH

!

SWISH

CLACK

DONE ALREADY?

LET'S CLEAN UP AND CALL IT A DAY.

YEAH.

SWISH

SWISH

WHY? I DON'T THINK I CAUSED ANY TROUBLE.

GUARDS?!

GLARE

MARIUS? IS THAT THE YOUNG GUARD FROM EARLIER?

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO SOLD MARIUS THE KNIFE?

SMILE
HE~

DO YOU HAVE ANY KNIVES LEFT?

SO WE FOUND THE RIGHT STALL!

I'LL TAKE YOUR ENTIRE STOCK!

RIGHT OVER HERE.

ALL RIGHT!

HUH? YEAH...

MARIUS SHOWED OFF HIS NEW KNIFE DURING LUNCH...

Whoa!

EVERY-THING?!

WE ALL WANT ONES JUST LIKE IT!

SELL 'EM TO US!

...

...AND WHAT DO YOU KNOW, IT CUTS SO WELL!

IT REALLY IS GREAT!

SO SHARP!

WELL, I'VE GOT EIGHT LEFT... SO FORTY SILVER COINS IN TOTAL.

GOTCHA!

GASP

BOW

I'M SORRY FOR THE FUSS.

DON'T BE.

I WAS JUST A BIT STARTLED.

IT'S GOOD TO SEE THAT YOUR ITEMS ARE SELLING.

I'M GLAD THEY WANTED ALL YOUR KNIVES.

YEAH. THANKS FOR TODAY.

SINCE WE'RE OUT OF STOCK, I'VE GOTTA START MAKING MORE TO REPLENISH OUR INVENTORY.

I CAN TAKE ON REPAIRS AND ORDERS, AND EVEN MAKE LONGSWORDS.

AND IF I CAN GET A MERCHANT TO HANDLE MY WARES, I'LL BE ABLE TO CONDUCT MORE BUSINESS.

PLUS...

GUESS I'LL USE THE UNSOLD FARMING TOOLS AND AXES AT HOME.

I NEED TO FIX UP SAMYA'S ROOM.

HEY...

I washed the vege-tables.

CAN YOU MAKE ARROWHEADS TOO, EIZO?

DO YOU WANT SOME?

Yep.

WHEN I GET HEALED UP, I WANNA GO HUNTING.

THOUGHT IT'D BE NICE TO HAVE ARROWS TIPPED WITH YOUR ARROWHEADS.

MUMBLE

GOT IT. HOW COULD I REFUSE?

!

SWEET! THANK YOU!

SMILE

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*EASILY MANIPU-LATED BY PRAISE.*

LEAVE IT TO ME!

Yippee!

*EIZO TANYA, 30 (PROBA-BLY).*

But internally 40.

...AND FORGING SAMYA'S ARROW-HEADS.

FROM TODAY ON, I'LL FOCUS ON MAKING KNIVES...

I MADE AR-ROWHEAD MOLDS OUT OF WOOD AND CLAY.

DRIP

SO NOW I'LL POUR IN THE IRON AND WAIT UNTIL IT COOLS.

ONCE I TAKE THESE OUT, I'LL POLISH THEM...

...ATTACH THEM TO A SHAFT, AND THEN THEY'LL BE DONE.

IT TOOK AN ENTIRE DAY FOR ME TO CHISEL THE TEETH ON THE SAW BLADE.

I DECIDED TO ALSO MAKE A LARGE SAW FOR CUTTING WOOD.

I EVEN IMPROVED ON THE AXE THAT DIDN'T SELL.

THE FOLLOWING DAY...

ALL RIGHT, HERE I GO.

FWISH

TEWUNK

CRACK

CRIK

HMM?

CRACK
RUMBLE
CRACK
CRACK
RUMBLE
ぶわっ FLUFF
BDUMP
BDUMP
BDUMP
RUUUMBLE
WHAT THE HELL?
Whoa! Awesome!
WELL...
GUESS I SHOULD BE CAREFUL AND MIND THE ANGLE. IF A TREE FALLS ON ME, THAT'LL BE THE END OF MY SECOND LIFE.
?
A clean cut!!!
CONFUSION
SLIDE

ゴロロ

...AND I SWUNG THE AXE STRAIGHT DOWN TO FORM TIDY LOGS.

WE SLICED OFF THE BRANCH-ES...

IT'S THIS GUY'S TIME TO SHINE!

チャキ

KCHK

!

SAMYA!

WE USED THE LARGE SAW TO SLICE THE WOOD INTO PLANKS.

READY...

DON'T OVERDO IT. YOUR WOUNDS AREN'T FULLY HEALED.

SWIFF
SWIFF
IT'S...
...LIKE I'M CUTTING THROUGH TOFU!
SWIFF
SWIFF
SWIFF
SWIFF
DON'T LAUGH TOO HARD. YOU'LL MAKE THE SAW WOBBLE.
I KNOW, I KNOW!
Wooow!
SWIFF
SWIFF
SWIFF
SWIFF
AH HA HA! WHAT'S GOING ON?! IT FEELS SO BIZARRE!
SHIVER
SHIVER
SWIFF
SWIFF
Phew!
THAT WAS QUICK.
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CUT 'EM ALL TODAY.

YOUR TOOLS REALLY ARE TOP-TIER.

IT WOULD NORMALLY TAKE SO MUCH LONGER.

I CAN ONLY MAKE THESE THANKS TO MY CHEATS.

LITERALLY, I'M CHEATING.

I DIDN'T GAIN THIS POWER THROUGH PRACTICE AND EFFORT.

BUT THIS IS MY SECOND LIFE, SO I'LL GRATEFULLY USE WHATEVER I CAN GET.

STILL, I'M JUST A "GUEST" IN THIS WORLD.

I'LL USE MY POWERS AS NECESSARY TO LEAD A COMFORTABLE LIFE, BUT I'VE GOT NO PLANS TO USE THEM FOR NEFARIOUS PURPOSES.

CLANG コン

CLANG コン

EIZO.

...

UH...

CLANK

CLANG

Just a bit more...

WHAT'S UP?

REMEMBER WHEN YOU SUGGESTED...

...THAT I LIVE HERE?

IS THAT OFFER STILL ON THE TABLE?

YEP, SURE DO.

I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU SAVED ME, EIZO.

OF COURSE.

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO MUCH SINCE COMING HERE...

...BUT IT'S FUN HELPING YOU OUT AND TALKING WITH YOU DURING MEALS.

I ENJOY OUR WALKS TOO.

AND I LOVE WATCHING YOU WORK.

SO...

SO...

CAN I STAY WITH YOU?

I'M THE ONE WHO OFFERED.

IF YOU WANT TO STAY, YOU'RE WELCOME TO, OF COURSE.

Heh

HEY! OW!

SWEET! THANKS, EIZO!

SLAP!

SLAP!

Yeesh...

THESE ARE DONE NOW.

HEH HEH.

WHOAAA...

HUH?

THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH.

YOUR STUFF IS GREAT!

THANKS.

I'LL SLOWLY BUT SURELY CREATE A NORMAL LIFE IN THIS WORLD.

I'll nab us a big one!

I look forward to it.

I'M SURE I'LL KEEP COLLECTING NEW MOMENTS OF NORMALITY FROM HERE ON OUT.

AND THIS IS MY FIRST ONE.

MAN, I'M SO GLAD WE BOUGHT THOSE KNIVES!

EXCUSE ME!

WHAT'S WRONG, YOUNG LADY?

I WANNA BUY ONE TOO.

WHEN DO YOU THINK HE'LL COME NEXT?

!

PARDON ME, BUT MAY I PLEASE SEE THAT KNIFE?

Here's your lunch: bread and dried meat.

POMF

YOU'VE ONLY JUST RECOVERED. IF YOU RUN INTO ANYTHING DANGEROUS, COME STRAIGHT BACK.

FWIP

I KNOW!

I'M OFF!

# CHAPTER 4

BE CAREFUL!

ALL RIGHT, GUESS I'LL START MY WORK TOO.

THIS TIME...

HIIZSH

I've used a lot of sup-plies...

IT'LL TAKE ME A LITTLE WHILE TO REPLENISH MY STOCK.

HIIZSH

ゴトGLATTER

...I'LL BE MAKING KNIVES AND LONG-SWORDS.

FWOOM

I'LL CRACK OPEN THE MOLD AND REMOVE THE PROTOTYPE.

All right.

THE CLAY MOLD I MADE YESTERDAY IS DRY.

**CLAY MOLD:** FORMED BY PACKING CLAY AROUND A CARVED WOODEN PROTOTYPE OF A WEAPON.

...AND POUR IN THE MOLTEN IRON.

ゴボボボボ FWOOOM

THEN I'LL PLACE THE EMPTY MOLD IN A CONTAINER, PACK SAND AROUND IT...

DRIP

ポ...

CLANG

CLANG

AFTER THAT, I NEED TO HEAT THE BLADE TO FINE-TUNE ITS SHAPE.

CLAAANG

ONCE IT'S COOL, I'LL UNPACK THE MOLD AND REMOVE THE HARDENED IRON.

THEN IT'S TIME TO DEBURR THE METAL WITH MY HAMMER AND FILE.

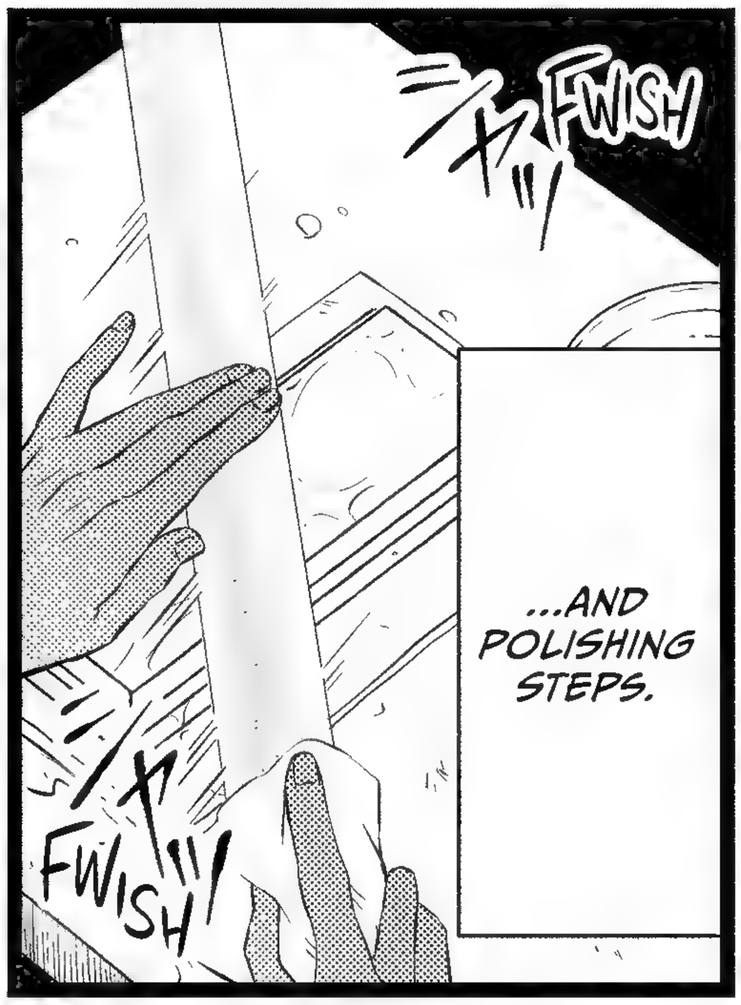
CLANK

CLANK

CLANK

WHIFF
SHIFF
SHIFF
SHIFF
SHIFF

I'LL ADD A GUARD, WRAP THE HILT WITH LEATHER...
...AND CARVE A SIMPLE WOODEN SHEATH.


FWISH!
FWISH!
...AND POLISHING STEPS.

FINALLY, THE QUENCH-ING...

KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
THIS WORK IS USUALLY DIVIDED AMONG A FEW PEOPLE.
HOWEVER, THANKS TO MY CHEATS FROM THE WATCHDOG...
...I CAN DO THE ENTIRE PROCESS PRETTY MUCH BY MYSELF.

BAM

DONE.

I MADE MY FIRST SWORD.

Pleased

I hope he's doing well...

MODELED AFTER THAT CUTE CHUBBY GUY I SAW ON THE INTERNET.

ゴクリ GULP

I KNOW I MADE THIS MYSELF, BUT...

OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS, I'LL MAKE A FEW LOWER-QUALITY KNIVES. ENTRY-LEVEL MODELS.

JUST KIDDING.

DOOT DOOOOT DOOT DOOT

You have obtained a fabled longsword!

WHATCHA DOING?

Someone seems happy.

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JOLT

!

H-HI!

You saw that?

UM, UH, I WAS JUST...

WELCOME BACK.

MUMBLE

ER, UM...

MUMBLE

Your face is red.

WHAT'S WRONG?

I'M JUST HAPPY.

YEAH...

YEP!

IT'S NICE HAVING SOMEONE TO COME HOME TO.

THUD

DID YOU FIND ANYTHING?

YEP! A TREE DEER!

I ALREADY GUTTED IT AND DUMPED IT IN THE LAKE. LET'S GO HAUL IT OUT FIRST THING TOMORROW!

ROGER THAT. HOW WERE THE ARROWS? OH, AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR KNIFE?

Glad to hear it.

The arrows went in deep and that knife made dressing the deer a breeze!

FREAKING AMAZING!

THAT'S A HAPPINESS I NEVER GOT TO EXPERIENCE IN MY PREVIOUS LIFE.

THE NEXT MORNING, WE PULLED SAMYA'S TREE DEER OUT OF THE LAKE AND DRAGGED IT TO OUR CABIN FOR PROCESSING.

Heave-ho!

Heave-ho!

DRAG

DRAG

SPLASH

SPLASH

CREAK

CREAK

HUP!

SLICE

Mhm...

SWISH

SWISH

Try cutting between the skin membrane and the meat...

You're good at this!

So I slice through this sinew...

WITH SAMYA'S EXPERTISE AND THE SHARP KNIFE, WE SKINNED THE DEER IN NO TIME.

WE THEN CUT THE MEAT INTO CHUNKS.

VI BAM

OD

Ba ha ha! This knife cuts so well!

Be care-ful...

SWIFF

SWIFF

LOOKS LIKE THAT ABOUT DOES IT!

That was quick!

WIPE

WIPE

PHEW!

Huge, though...

Meat in a store

WHEN IT'S PORTIONED OUT LIKE THIS, IT LOOKS LIKE THE KIND OF MEAT I'M USED TO.

FWUMP

I don't know the different cuts of venison yet.

PRO-CESSING WILD GAME IS A TOUGH JOB...

Let's grill this part! The loin!

BACK ON EARTH, FRUITS ARE ENGINEERED TO BE SWEET AND MEAT COMES PRECUT, ALL THANKS TO HUMANS' EFFORTS.

Eizo! Fire, please!

Roger!

I think this is cooked.

WHAT'D YOU DO WITH THE GUTS?

IF YOU LEAVE THE INNARDS AND BONES IN THE FOREST, THE WOLVES'LL EAT 'EM.

SIZZLE

CRACKLE

BUBBLE

BUBBLE

NOM

JUICY

Hot...

CHOMP

OR THEY'LL BE RECYCLED BACK INTO THE LAND.

I SEE...

I'LL SNAG SOME BIRDS NEXT TIME. GRILLED FOLIAGE BIRDS ARE GREAT!

NOM

MOIST!

NOM

I've only been eating dried or salt-cured meat...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I HAD FRESH MEAT. SOOO GOOD...

NOM

*A RICH DIET IS IMPORTANT FOR LEADING A QUIET LIFE.*

Satisfied

BURP

SMILE

ニコォ

Chicken...

YEAH, I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO THAT.

*I WANNA SMOKE SOME MEAT TOO.*

Rub-bed with salt

There's often a fire going in here, so the air's dry.

*I HUNG UP THE REMAINING MEAT IN THE WORKSHOP TO DRY.*

Gross
STAB
YOU'RE SO MEAN.
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING HUNTING TODAY, WANNA TRY HELPING ME WITH MY WORK?
Morning.
MY LADY SAMYA...
My lady?
GROSS. WHAT IS IT?
THE NEXT MORN-ING...
SPLISH!
OOH! THIS IS FUN!
KNEAD
ペた
SQUEEZE
Clay
Making Molds
CLANG
...AS I FORGED MORE ITEMS TO BRING TO THE CITY.
AND SO, I HAD SAMYA HELP ME OUT...
Burrs
WANNA TRY DEBURRING LATER?
YEAH!
I will!

Hey.

OH, SIR MARIUS.

AH, YOU GUYS AGAIN!

THANKS TO YOU, I SOLD MY WHOLE STOCK LAST TIME.

HAVEN'T SEEN YOU TWO IN A WHILE. I WAS GETTING WORRIED.

MAYBE I'LL DROP BY LATER! SEE YA!

I SEE YOU'VE GOT SWORDS NOW TOO.

OPEN MARKET

SAMYA, CAN I ASK YOU TO GO SHOPPING?

GOT IT!

WE NEED SALT, WHEAT...

Ah, we're neighbors again.

Hello, nice to see you.

CHIRP

TWEET

Good weather!

I WON'T RUSH.

AAAND WE'RE OPEN.

HELLO. MAY I SEE YOUR SWORDS?

FWISH

!

BY ALL MEANS.

CHK

Oho...

HMM... VERY NICE.

I'M A TRAVELING MERCHANT, SO I'D LIKE TO TAKE ONE FOR MYSELF AND SELL OFF THE REST.

HUH? REALLY?

LET'S SEE... MAY I PURCHASE FOUR OF THESE?

IF HE SELLS TO OTHER PEOPLE, I CAN EXPAND MY CUSTOMER BASE!

I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT.

A TRAVELING MERCHANT, HUH? HE MUST GO ON LOTS OF ADVEN-TURES.

NO, THANK *YOU!*

FWIP ペコ

THANK YOU.

CLACK カリ チャ

WHEN I MAKE MORE MONEY, MAYBE I CAN BRING SAMYA ALONG ON A COMPANY VACATION.

MARIUS LATER BROUGHT HIS COLLEAGUES AROUND.

MY ENTRY-LEVEL LONGSWORDS SOLD OUT.

PHEW.

DING
DING
DONG

THE ONLY SWORDS LEFT ARE THE ELITE MODELS I KEPT HIDDEN.

FWIP
FWIP

OUR KNIVES SOLD WELL TOO. WHY DON'T WE...

A DWARF. HOW UNUSUAL.

YOU DON'T OFTEN SEE 'EM AROUND HERE.

I'VE MET A FEW IN THE FOREST. GUIDED THEM ALL BACK TO THE ROAD. HAVEN'T SEEN ANY OTHERWISE, THOUGH.

AH...

Heigh-ho!

Heigh-ho!

They're small...

A DWARF?

STOMP

STOMP

STOMP

HUH?

GASP

E-
EXCUSE
ME!

ARE YOU
THE ONE
WHO MADE
THE GUARDS'
KNIVES?

SWISH

YES,
THAT'S
ME...

H...FWISH
"

MAY I
SEE THIS
KNIFE?

SURE,
GO RIGHT
AHEAD.

UM, MAY I SEE THE HIGHEST-QUALITY PRODUCT YOU'VE GOT?

!

THIS GIRL SAW MY KNIFE AND IS CONVINCED THAT I HAVE SOMETHING BETTER.

ELITE MODELS ARE FAR BETTER THAN ENTRY-LEVEL MODELS...

...BUT I'LL ONLY SELL THOSE TO A PERSON I TRUST, SO I DON'T HAVE THEM ON DISPLAY.

THANK YOU...

BOW

GOT WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR RIGHT HERE.

FWISH

HER ARMS AND LEGS ARE WELL-BUILT COMPARED TO THE REST OF HER BODY.

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STARBUCKS

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STARBUCKS

PSST

SHE'S BEEN LOOKING AT IT FOR A WHILE.

OH, HI, WELCOME.

Hello!

UM...

EXCUSE ME...

You've been at it for some time...

STARBUCKS

Thank you!

I appreciate your patron-age!

I'LL RETURN THIS NOW.

UM, THANKS.

KSHINK

ALL FINISHED. I APPRECIATE YOU LETTING ME TAKE A LOOK.

I HAVE A REQUEST.

ZSH HH!!

HUH?

MURMUR

BOW

ペコー

FWIP

PLEASE MAKE ME YOUR AP-PRENTICE!

A DOGEZA ?!

Rike the
DWARF

MEOW

# CHAPTER 5

MY NAME IS RIKE MORITZ.

PLEASED TO MEET YOU!

I ALSO DIDN'T WANT SAMYA TO BE IN THE PUBLIC EYE TOO MUCH.

I COULDN'T IGNORE A DWARF DOING A DOGEZA IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET...

...SO I DECIDED TO HEAR HER OUT. WE CLOSED UP SHOP AND LEFT THE OPEN MARKET.

A FAMILY NAME?

...AND WE ALL ADOPT THAT WORKSHOP'S NAME.

SEVERAL DWARF FAMILIES USUALLY COMBINE THEIR EFFORTS TO BUILD A WORKSHOP...

NO, MORITZ IS THE NAME OF MY FAMILY'S WORKSHOP.

BOW

I'M EIZO, AND SHE'S SAMYA.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

I see...

TO BE PRECISE, I'M RIKE FROM MORITZ WORKSHOP.

IT'S A LONG STORY, BUT I'M A BLACKSMITH LIVING IN THE BLACK FOREST.

ARE YOU FROM THE NORDIC REGION?

...

I WAS WONDERING WHY I HADN'T YET MET YOU...

...SINCE YOU'RE A BLACKSMITH WHO CAN FORGE SUCH HIGH-QUALITY WEAPONS.

AH, OKAY. MAKES SENSE.

?

WHEN DWARVES COME OF AGE, WE LEAVE OUR WORKSHOPS TO TRAIN.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE MY APPRENTICE?

MY YOUNGER BROTHERS AND I ARE TRAVELING...

...AND VISITING OTHER BLACK-SMITHS.

THAT'S HOW DWARVES LIVE.

AND THE CYCLE BEGINS ANEW.

WE'LL POLISH OUR ABILITIES AT THE SMITHIES OF OUR CHOICE...

...THEN BRING THOSE SKILLS BACK TO OUR HOME WORKSHOP TO MAKE NEW PRODUCTS.

AND THE SKILLS WE DWARVES DEVELOP WILL BENEFIT US TOO.

IT'S SAID TO BE QUITE AN HONOR...

...FOR A BLACKSMITH TO HAVE A DWARVEN APPRENTICE.

AREN'T PEOPLE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR SKILLS BEING STOLEN?

EXACTLY. BUT...

OH. THAT KNIFE WAS MINE.

...AND SAW A KNIFE ONE OF THE GUARDS HAD.

A FEW DAYS AGO, I CAME TO THIS CITY...

...I HEARD YOU WEREN'T LIVING NEAR THE OPEN MARKET.

SO I STAYED BEHIND WHEN MY BROTHERS LEFT THE CITY...

...AND I WAITED FOR YOU TO COME BACK.

HUH? THEN YOUR BROTHERS ARE...

HEADED FOR THE WORKSHOPS OF THEIR CHOICE.

SMILE

I'LL BE SEARCHING FOR ANOTHER FORGE ALL BY MYSELF!

SO IF I DECLINE TO TAKE YOU ON...

STARE

...

Wild animals

Nefarious people

Bandits

...

LETTING A YOUNG GIRL TRAVEL ALONE IS BEYOND DANGEROUS.

Humanity

ALL RIGHT, YOU CAN BE MY APPRENTICE.

I KNOW I'M BEING A BIT TOO SOFT, BUT...

...

O-OKAY!

BUT I'VE GOT FOUR CONDITIONS.

FWIP

REALLY?!

Sigh...

Can you blame me?!

ONE.
I DON'T LIKE SELF-DEPRECATING BEHAVIOR.

REFRAIN FROM DOING THAT IN THE FUTURE.

TWO.
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SPACE AT HOME, SO WE'LL NEED TO BUILD ANOTHER ROOM.

OKAY.

AND FOUR...

SLURP

THREE.
I'LL NEED YOU TO HELP ME AROUND THE CABIN BEYOND JUST SMITHING.

LEAVE IT TO ME!

I'LL CALL YOU RIKE, SO CALL ME EIZO.

LET'S STOP SPEAKING SO FORMALLY.

B-BOSS?

...BOSS!

I CAN'T DO THAT...

NO!

AH HA HA!

PFFT!

UGH...

AS AN APPRENTICE, IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR ME TO RESPECT YOU, BOSS!

HERE WE ARE.

THIS IS THE CABIN AND FORGE.

WOOO3!

A huge relief!

DWARVES ARE TOUGH. IT WAS EASIER TO TREK THROUGH THAN I EXPECTED!

ARE YOUR FEET OKAY? YOU'RE CARRYING SO MUCH, AND YOU DON'T SEEM USED TO WALKING THROUGH THE FOREST.

THUD

I'M FINE!

Okay!

YOU CAN SET YOUR STUFF DOWN HERE AND WASH YOUR HANDS OVER THERE.

THANKS, SAMYA.

YOU CHOSE A PATH THAT WOULD BE EASY FOR RIKE, DIDN'T YOU?

TAP

BLUSH

!!!

S-SURE.

AW, THIS SIDE OF HER IS SO CUTE.

WAG WAG

NOM

AS I SAID EARLIER, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ROOMS.

CAN YOU SHARE WITH SAMYA FOR A WHILE?

?

BEDROOM? SINGULAR? SAMYA AND I SLEEP SEPARATELY. NOTHING'S GONNA CHANGE.

I DON'T WANT TO INTRUDE ON THE TWO OF YOU.

I'VE GOT EVERYTHING I NEED TO CAMP OUTDOORS. ANY FLOOR WILL DO JUST FINE.

PLEASE USE THE BEDROOM AS YOU NORMALLY WOULD.

PBBT!

CLACK

YOU DO? EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE MARRIED?

IS THAT SO? I WAS POSITIVE YOU TWO WERE A COUPLE.

STARE

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?

Y-Y-Y-YOU IDIOT!

EIZO AND I AREN'T *LIKE THAT!*

Silently panicking

地味に混乱→

Nooo!

*CAN DIFFERENT SPECIES MARRY?*

BANG

FOR NOW?!

ANYWAY...

...SAMYA AND I AREN'T LIKE THAT FOR NOW.

YOU GUYS ARE LIKE A FAMILY WORKING IN THE SAME WORKSHOP.

HMM...

I SEE.

*That's* what's bothering you?

SIGH

*FAMILY...*

THAT'S THE IDEA.

POMF

YEP.

IN CONCLUSION, YOU TWO WILL SHARE A ROOM UNTIL WE BUILD ANOTHER!

AS THE HOMEOWNER AND BOSS OF THE WORKSHOP, MY WORD IS FINAL! THERE'LL BE NO CHANGES.

YES, BOSS!

OKAY.

Ready, and...

THE NEXT DAY, WE SHAPED THE LOGS I'D BEEN DRYING...

...AND DUG HOLES TO SINK THEM INTO. THESE BECAME THE SUPPORT PILLARS FOR RIKE'S NEW ROOM.

SAMYA WENT OUT HUNTING, SO RIKE AND I WORKED ON CONSTRUCTION.

RIKE SEEMED USED TO THE WORK. APPARENTLY, EVERYONE PITCHES IN AT THE DWARVES' WORKSHOP.

THANKS TO MY CHEAT-ENHANCED MUSCLE POWER, EVERYTHING PROGRESSED SMOOTHLY.

I'M HOME!

Super happy!

HMM?

TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE

WHAT'S UP WITH RIKE?

WELCOME BACK. HOW'D IT GO?

DON'T BE TOO SHOCKED, BUT I GOT A WHOPPER OF A TREE DEER!

THUNK

FWISH

I...JUST SWUNG AN AXE TO CHOP THE WOOD...

...AND IT CUT THROUGH LIKE A RAZOR SLICING THROUGH BUTTER...

PANIC

HOW DID YOU MAKE SUCH A SHARP TOOL?

YEAH...

Huh?

Yep.

FREAKY, HUH?

WEIRDED ME OUT WHEN I FIRST SAW IT TOO.

WE CAN FIT SOME SMITHING IN WHILE WE'RE BUILDING THE NEW ROOM.

RIKE, HELP ME OUT IN THE FORGE TO-MORROW.

Let's go get changed!

SIGH

WEIRD

STAB

*THAT'S WHAT RAN THROUGH HER MIND BACK THEN?*

Let's sculpt some molds before the sun sets.

-Roger that!

Finally!

OKAY, BOSS!

FWOOM

CLATTER

THE NEXT MORNING, THE THREE OF US DRAGGED SAMYA'S TREE DEER TO THE CABIN AND PROCESSED IT.

AFTER THAT, WE TOOK A BREAK AND THEN STARTED SMITHING.

WE'RE USING YESTERDAY'S MOLD TO CAST IRON.

SHE WORKS QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

FWOO

CLACK

RIKE'S NOT HESITATING AT ALL. SHE'S CLEARLY EXPERIENCED.

OMG

Delicious!

WE HAD A QUICK LUNCH AND DECIDED TO MAKE KNIVES ALL AFTERNOON.

BUT...

BOSS?

HOW CAN I TEACH HER SKILLS...

...THAT I OBTAINED THROUGH CHEATS?

YOU'RE SAYING...

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TEACH OTHERS.

SORRY, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER HAD AN AP-PRENTICE.

I'LL JUST COME CLEAN.

...THAT I SHOULD JUST WATCH AND STEAL YOUR SKILLS!

I WON'T MISS A SINGLE THING YOU DO!

NOT TO WORRY!

WHA-

*What a good stu-dent!*

BAM!

I'LL START BY MAKING SOME ENTRY-LEVEL KNIVES.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? LEARN ANYTHING?

DONE.

FROM HERE, WE'LL SHARPEN THE KNIFE.

FSHHH

YUP. YOU'RE AMAZING, BOSS.

IT'S LIKE YOU CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THE IRON.

OF COURSE! YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO GIVE IT YOUR ALL.

AND THIS KNIFE IS NOTHING LIKE THAT LONGSWORD YOU SHOWED ME.

BUT YOU CAN DO BETTER, CAN'T YOU?

YOU CAN TELL?

WHY DON'T YOU TRY FORGING SOME-THING?

OKAY!

THESE KNIVES ARE MEANT TO BE SOLD.

I WANTED YOU TO WATCH ME MAKE THIS ONE SO YOU CAN START MAKING ENTRY-LEVEL MODELS.

CLANG

CLANG

CLANG

CLANG

FW

OOOM

CLANG

CLANG

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING ANOTHER SMITH IN ACTION...

HUH?

CLANG
キィ
キュイイイ
Eeeee...
HOW DOES IT LOOK?
SHE DOES HONEST WORK. IT'S AS GOOD AS MY ENTRY-LEVEL MODELS, BUT...

...YOU'LL FORGE ITEMS AS HIGH-QUALITY AS THAT LONGSWORD I SHOWED YOU THE OTHER DAY.

I'M CERTAIN THAT SOME-DAY...

!

IT'S VERY WELL-MADE. BUT THE METAL'S A LITTLE UNEVENLY DISTRIBUTED.

YOU'VE GOT ROOM TO IMPROVE.

YES, I'LL DO MY BEST, BOSS!

I'LL MAKE ONE MORE THING, AND I WANT YOU TO WATCH.

I'M GONNA FORGE THIS ONE FROM START TO FINISH.

ゴオオ

WHOOSH

AFTER SEEING SOMEONE ELSE WORK, I REALIZED SOMETHING.

tt'' tt'' FWOOM tt'... tt'

FWOOM

BUT MY SKILLS DON'T COME FROM HARD WORK.

I CAN SENSE TEMPERATURE AND TOUGHNESS...

...AND HAMMER METAL INTO ANY FORM I WISH WITHOUT LOSING QUALITY.

THANKS TO MY CHEATS, I CAN HANDLE METAL.

I KNOW WHEN AND WHERE I SHOULD HAMMER.

ARTISANS LIKE RIKE START AS NOVICES AND TOIL ENDLESSLY TO HONE THEIR SKILLS.

CLANG

...ALL I CAN DO...

...IS LET HER OBSERVE ME AND STEAL MY SKILLS.

SO...

HONESTLY, IT MIGHT BE A BIT CHEEKY FOR ME TO BECOME A TEACHER.

SWISH

SWISH

THANKS FOR WAITING. I'M DONE.

PHEW.

SWISH SWISH SWISH

SWISH

IT'S...

...

AMAZING!

BRILLIANT!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS WAS MADE BY A HUMAN...

Whew.

ARE YOU SURE?!

THEN THAT KNIFE IS YOURS, RIKE.

EVEN DWARVES COULDN'T FORGE SOMETHING SO PERFECT!

I'LL DO MY BEST TO MAKE KNIVES LIKE THIS IN THE FUTURE!

THANK YOU!

YEAH, I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT.

THE MEAT'S CLEANED AND THE HIDE'S READY FOR TANNING!

HMM?

YEP. IT'S TOO SHARP TO SELL.

PLUS, NOW THAT YOU'RE MY APPRENTICE, YOU'RE FAMILY.

YOU GOT A KNIFE TOO, RIKE?!

It cuts really well, so be careful!

YEAH!

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

Why do you look so proud?

Heh!

AND HE CAN DO SMITHING! AWESOME, HUH?

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD USE MAGIC, BOSS.

ONLY SIMPLE SPELLS.

EIZO'S GOT A FAMILY NAME TOO, Y'KNOW!

I SEE. WHAT'S YOUR FAMILY NAME?

SIZZLE

SIZZLE

Guess I can tell her.

IT'S TANYA.

PROUD...

You...

HUFF!

THEN I'M...

...RIKE TANYA.

TANYA.

JOLT

THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!

THAT—

ROAR

ガオー

O-
OKAY...

ドワーフ理論？

DWARF LOGIC

IF THAT'S BOSS'S FAMILY NAME...

...THEN THIS PLACE IS TANYA FORGE. NATURALLY, AS HIS APPRENTICE, I'LL BE RIKE TANYA.

I UNDER-STAND. I'LL BE RIKE EIZO THEN.

IF NECESSARY, CALL MY WORKSHOP FORGE EIZO.

WELL, I'VE GOT MY REASONS, BUT I'M NOT USING MY FAMILY NAME.

RA

AAWP!

UH...

I WANNA HAVE YOUR NAME TOO!

*IT'S A LITTLE EMBARRASSING FOR A GIRL TO USE MY NAME.*

NO FAIR!

I'LL BE SAMYA TANYA OR SAMYA EIZO FROM NOW ON! THAT'S FINE, RIGHT?

HARUMPH

WHAT'S SHE ON ABOUT?

WELL, I'M THE ONE WHO ASKED HER TO LIVE WITH ME.

ERM...

AND SHE'S FAMILY...

SURE, WHY NOT?

I'M HAPPY FOR YOU!

SCORE!

I'M A GUEST IN THIS WORLD, AFTER ALL.

Delicious!

I know, right?

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE ANYTHING BEHIND OTHER THAN THE TOOLS I PLAN TO MAKE.

...BUT I GUESS THIS IS ANOTHER NEW NORMAL.

IF EVEN RIKE'S SHOCKED BY THEM...

...THEN IT'S CLEAR THAT MY ABILITIES ARE EXTRAORDINARY.

IN ANY CASE...

...WOULD'VE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO PRODUCE IN MY PREVIOUS WORLD.

A KNIFE THAT SHARP...

WHAT'S THE WATCHDOG TRYING TO DO?

My Quiet
# BLACKSMITH
Life in Another World

Author: **Tamamaru**

# Afterword

I think for most readers, a "nice to meet you" is in order. I'm the author, Tamamaru.

At first, this book was meant to portray an old man living the life with a tiger girl and a dwarf. I had no plans to introduce other women or handsome men. At least, not in the beginning.

I didn't think that anyone would draw a manga of my series, but then Yoshino Himori portrayed Samya and Rike so adorably with such excellent artwork! Their leisurely lives were drawn so well that it adds immensely to this book's charm! I have nothing but gratitude. Thank you so much!

Volume one of this manga stops around halfway through the first light novel's story. If you're curious about future developments, I encourage you to read that as well! (By the time this is out, I think the light novel will be on its third volume.) I'd be very happy if you did so!

# Afterword

## Thank you for picking up Volume 1 of *My Quiet Blacksmith Life!*

Tamamaru portrays such a warm world, and Kinta has lovely designs that illustrate the world's culture!

With utmost respect to such a wonderful series, I have drawn the manga version with as much care as possible.

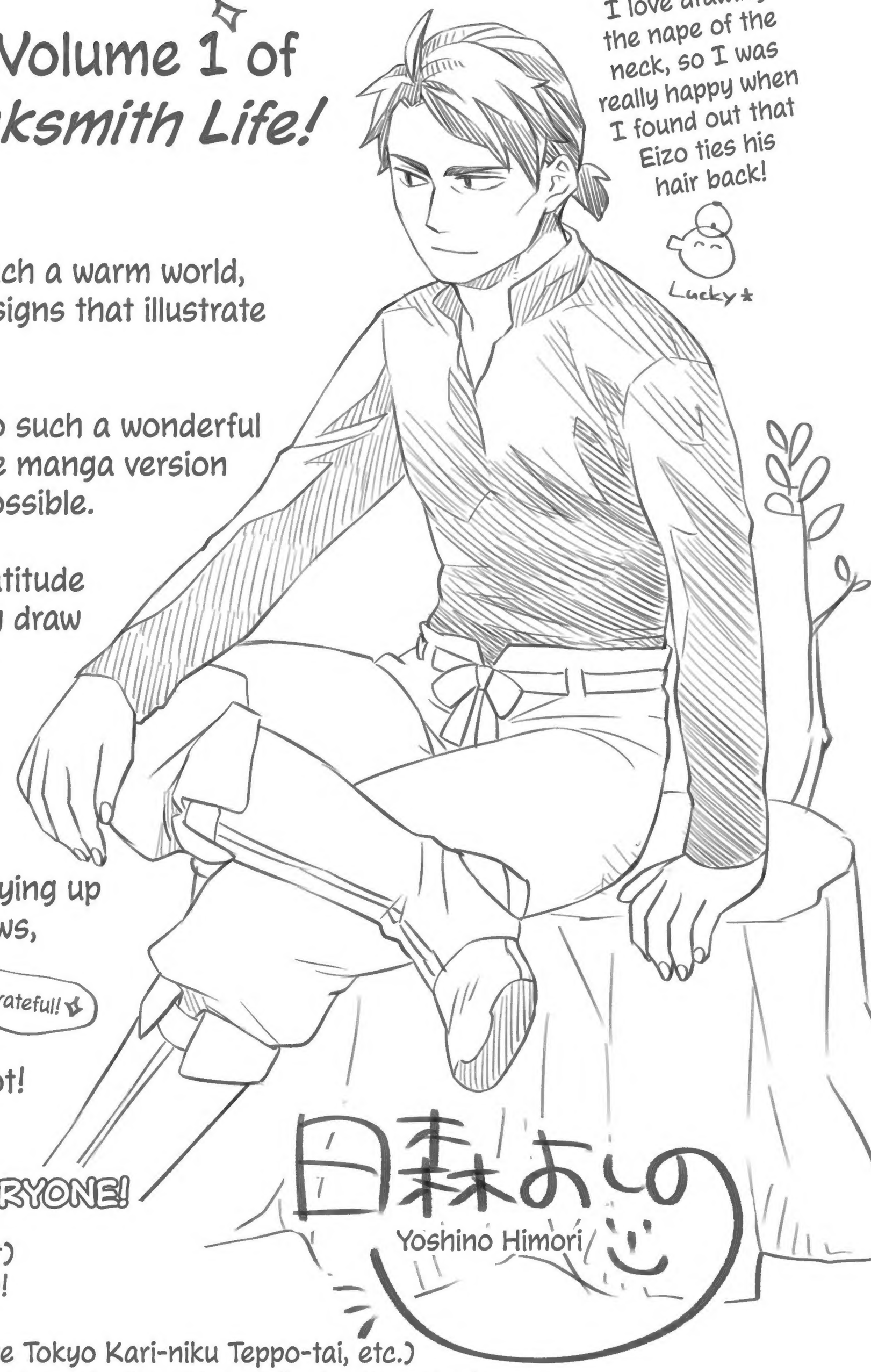
I have nothing but gratitude in my heart as I happily draw this series every day!

Old man! Beastfolk! Dwarf! I love them all so so so much! ♥ ♥

I had a lot of fun studying up on smithing, making bows, hunting, etc...

So grateful!

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn a lot!

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For the manga version

I bought a bow and some arrows as references!

# My Quiet BLACKSMITH Life in Another World

AND HE EVEN BECAME YOUNGER! CHEATS ARE AWESOME!

GASP

EIZO TANYA, FORTY (OR OLDER). HE DIED ONE DAY AND WAS REINCARNATED IN ANOTHER WORLD!

Former corporate drone programmer!

AND!!!

FREED OF ALL SHOULDER PAIN, BACK PAIN, EYESTRAIN, ETC., ETC.!

MORE MUSCLE! FULL OF VIGOR!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, EIZO?

Water

Welcome back.

It's been a while... Hairline, my old friend!

Let's be together again for at least a decade...

# My Quiet BLACKSMITH Life in Another World

SHE CAN APPARENTLY SNIFF OUT LIES.

I haven't done anything weird!

NO

I SAVED A TIGER GIRL IN THE FOREST.

GRAB

WIGGLE

SNORE

SWIFF

GULP ゴクリ

Ugh...

BUT ACTUAL-LY...

I haven't touched you.

SNIFF

SNIFF

SQUISH

SQUISH

SQUISH

SQUISH♡

SQUEEZE

I put her hands back under the blanket.

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